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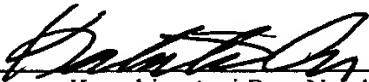
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Appl. No. : 09/993,874
Filed : November 14, 2001
For : NUCLEIC ACID MOLECULES
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Katsuhiro Arai Reg. No. 43,315

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.55(c)

Attention: Office of Petitions
Mail Stop Petition
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

APPLICANT HEREBY PETITIONS FOR ACCEPTANCE OF AN UNINTENTIONALLY DELAYED CLAIM FOR FOREIGN PRIORITY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.55(c).

The following claim for priority is of record, but contains an erroneous Italian application number:

This application is a continuation of U.S. application No. 09/516,958, filed March 1, 2000, now abandoned, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. application No. 09/388,290, filed September 1, 1999, now abandoned, which claims priority to Italian application No. 5339, filed September 2, 1998.

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The undersigned has recently discovered that Applicant erroneously identified the Italian priority claim. The time period set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.55(a) has expired. (The certified copy of the foreign application has not previously been filed.)

A grantable petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.55(c) requires the following items:

- (1) The claim under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or 365(a) and 37 C.F.R. § 1.55;
- (2) The surcharge set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(t); and
- (3) A statement that the entire delay was unintentional.

1. Claim for foreign priority:

The undersigned submits the following claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(b) and 37 C.F.R. § 1.55(c).

Application Number: IT1998000000195

Country: Italy

Filing Date: September 2, 1998

A certified copy of the Italian priority application and the surcharge set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(t) are submitted herewith.

The corrected declaration is also submitted herewith.

2. Petition fee:

\$1,370.00 (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(t)): The fee payment is enclosed.

3. Statement:

The entire delay between the date the claim was due under paragraph (a)(1) of 37 C.F.R. § 1.55 and the date the claim was filed was unintentional.

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This application has been allowed, and Applicant respectfully requests that the foreign priority claim in this application be timely amended to state the correct Italian application number set forth above.

Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

KNOBBE, MARTENS, OLSON & BEAR, LLP

Dated: March 17, 2005

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Enclosures:

- Fee Payment
- Certified Copy of Foreign Application
- Substitute Declaration
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